Rs. 100 crores.

(iv) Power Purchase Argeement has been signed.

(b) On a request made by the Ministry of Power, Ministry of Finance have agreed to accommodate ECB for almost 10,000 MW capacity.

(c) Ministry of Finance intimated that during the current financial year, upto 31.10.1995, ECB approvals aggregating to US $ 106.71 million have been given under the power sector, which are as under:

S. No.	Company	US $ Million
i.	Powergrid Corporation Ltd.	65.035
ii.	Green view Power Projects Ltd.	4.675
iii.	CESC Ltd.	37.000

Regulation on Cable TV Operations

2242. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cable Operators Federation of India has sought a better deal with regard to regulation of Cable TV operations under the newly enacted law;

(b) if so, the precise demands made by them; and

(c) Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Some of the important suggestions made by the Federation are annexed as statement. (*See* below)

(c) The suggestions have been noted.

Statement

Important suggestions made by the Cable Operators Federation of India

(i) All big business houses should be licensed area wise to provide value added services like it has been done in the case of telecom services;

(ii) All small cable operators who were in existence before the last date of registration should be made responsible for final distribution of cable signals to households. They can do it independently or as franchisee of big houses depending upon the area;

(iii) To provide better services, registered cable operators should be given protection by police and other municipal agencies against cable cuttings, theft of signals by unscrupulous subscribers and non paying subscribers;

(iv) The influx of undesirable programmes and advertisements should be monitored by a central agency;

(v) Business houses engaged in print media should not be permitted to enter into this electronic media where they are in a position to manipulate the minds of general public, literate or illiterate;

(vi) Since Cable TV is a broadcast (rebroadcast) service, state governments should not have any control on it.

Rising interest rates

2243. DR. GOPALRAO VITHAL RAO PATIL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to certain suggestions that rising interest rates in the economy cannot be reduced unless Government's fiscal deficit is scaled down in a phased